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I. SUBMITTED FOREIGN PATENT/PUBLICATION REFERENCES

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B1	11-183859	JP	July 9, 1999

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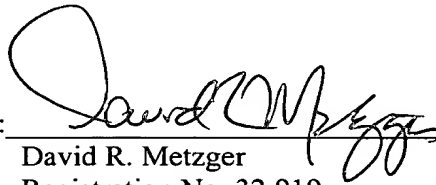
The above-identified reference was made of record during examination of the corresponding Japanese Application No. JP11-271240 and is believed to be relevant to the invention disclosed in Applicant's Application.

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